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State/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center in Sussex to Close Tuesday *Storm victims can still register by toll-free number*

NEW CASTLE, DE – Effective close of business Tuesday, September 30, the Sussex County Disaster Recovery Center will be permanently closed, state and federal recovery officials announced today. The Center is located at 100 Airport Road in Georgetown at the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center.

A second Disaster Recovery Center located in New Castle County will continue to operate Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church on 1700 Limestone Rd. in Wilmington.

“Even after centers close, FEMA is just a telephone call away,” said Michael Hall, federal coordinating officer. Disaster victims may still register for assistance or for information regarding the status of their applications by calling toll-free 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Hearing or speech impaired individuals can call TTY 1-800-462-7585.

Disaster assistance programs include housing assistance, grants for serious needs and necessary expenses not covered by insurance or other programs, and low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for disaster-damaged residential and business property.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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